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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. In view of the Applicant's arguments filed on 12/13/06, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED. A new art rejection has been applied as set forth below.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:


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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-12, 14-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frailong(6012100) in view of Willars et al(6,285,667).

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4. As per claim 1, Frailong discloses an apparatus for interfacing a communication network to a feature server external to the network (see col. 4, lines 52-60, col. 5, lines 2-12), (see col. 3, lines 54-67, col. 4, lines 60-67, col. 5, lines 1-5), an external interface to couple the service delivery element to at least one feature server external to the communication network(see col. 5, lines 17-43), an embedded security layer(i.e. ssl) to authenticate the at least one feature server on the communication network(see col. 18, lines 26-45), and to provide a secure interface for the at least one feature server to the communication network through the external interface(see col. 4, lines 1-20), a processor stored within a memory associated with the processor(see col. 4, lines 1-18); and wherein the service delivery element is operable to recognize the feature server (see col. 4, lines 43-60, col. 8, lines 26-30, 36-63), to negotiate a security level between the feature server and the communication network, and to manage access by the feature server to the communication network(see col. 4, lines 52-60, col. 18, lines 26-54). Although Frailong discloses a service delivery element, Frailong does not disclose wherein the service delivery element is within the communication network, the service delivery element including at least one internal interface to couple the service delivery element to other devices within the communication network. Willars discloses a service delivery element(i.e. mux), wherein the service delivery element is within the communication network (see the service delivery element including at least one internal interface(i.e. radio access network) to couple the service delivery element to other devices within the communication network(see col. 4, lines 12-33, fig. 3 sheet 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include a service delivery element that is within the communication network, and is coupled to other

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devices, the motivation is that as the volume of traffic in the mobile environment increases, it becomes increasingly likely that mobile stations receive simultaneous requests for call connections; therefore, this method insures that simultaneous calls can be handled (see col. 1, lines 49-67 of Willars).

5. As per claim 2, Frailong discloses wherein the security level defines a level of access of the feature server to the communication network(see col. 18, lines 26-55).

6. As per claim 3, Frailong discloses wherein, based upon the security level, the service delivery element restricts access by the feature server to at least one class of data retained within the communication network(see col. 5, lines 43-58).

7. As per claim 4, Frailong discloses wherein, based upon the security level, the service delivery element restricts access by the feature server to at least one internal function of the communication network(see col. 5, lines 43-58).

8. As per claim 5, Frailong discloses wherein based on the security level, the interface device terminates access by the external element(see col. 18, lines 26-65).

9. As per claim 6, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device provides scalable levels of access to the communication network by the external element(see col. 17, lines 39-67).

10. As per claim 7, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device includes restriction criteria associated with varying degrees of authorization to the communication network by the external element(see col. 8, lines 36-63).

11. As per claim 8, Frailong discloses wherein the restriction criteria includes one of user based privileges and network operation variables (see col. 5, lines 43-58).

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12. As per claim 9, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device is operable to provide access control(see col. 18, lines 26-29).

13. As per claim 10, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device includes a tunnel communication mode(see col. 15, lines 44-53).

14. As per claim 11, Frailong discloses wherein the tunnel communication mode includes of an IP security protocol tunnel mode(see col. 15, lines 44-53).

15. As per claim 12, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device is configured to recognize a particular external element(see col. 2, lines 28-45).

16. As per claim 13, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device includes an embedded security layer(see col. 15, lines 41-43).

17. As per claim 14, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device establishes a security layer between the communication network and the external element(see col. 15, lines 25-53).

18. As per claim 15, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device is operable to establish one of a static association and a dynamic association between the external element and the communication network(see col. 16, lines 15-23, 49-67).

19. As per claim 16, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device is operable to provide an action responsive to the security level(see col. 18, lines 26-65).

20. As per claim 17, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device is operable to provide an action responsive to the security level(see col. 18, lines 26-55).

21. As per claim 18, Frailong discloses wherein the action includes one of creating a usage accounting record and providing a message(see col. 17, lines 49-67, col. 18, lines 1-25).

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22. As per claim 19, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device is operable to expand access to the communication network by the external element(see col. 8, lines 36-64).

23. As per claim 20, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device expands access to the communication network by the external element subsequent to a renegotiation of the security level(see col. 5, lines 43-58).

24. As per claim 21, wherein the interface device includes a translation function(see col. 15, lines 25-30).

25. As per claim 22, is rejected under the same basis as claim 1.

26. As per claim 23, it is rejected under the same basis as claim 2.

27. As per claim 24, Frailong discloses based upon the security level, restricting access by the external element to at least one class of data retained within the communication network(see col. 18, lines 26-55).

28. As per claim 25, Frailong discloses based upon the security level, restricting access by the external element to at least one internal function of the communication network(see col. 8, lines 36-63).

29. As per claim 26, Frailong discloses based upon the security level, terminating access to the communication network by the external element(see col. 5, lines 43-58).

30. As per claim 27, Frailong discloses scaling levels of access to the communication network by the external element(see col. 15, lines 43-53).

31. As per claim 28, Frailong discloses wherein the interface device includes restriction criteria, and wherein the method includes varying degrees of authorization to

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the communication network by the external element in view of the restriction criteria (see col. 5, lines 43-58).

32. As per claim 29, Frailong discloses wherein the restriction criteria includes on of user based privileges and network operation variables(see col. 15, lines 44-53).

33. As per claim 30, Frailong discloses tunneling data between the feature server and the communication network thorough the service delivery element(see col. 15, lines 44-53).

34. As per claim 31, Frailong discloses wherein the step of recognizing an feature server includes recognizing a particular feature server(see col. 2, lines 28-45).

35. As per claim 32, Frailong discloses establishing a security layer between the communication network and the feature server(see col. 15, lines 25-53).

36. As per claim 33, Frailong discloses establishing one of a static association and a dynamic association between the feature server and the communication network(see col. 16, lines 15-23, 49-67).

37. As per claim 34, Frailong discloses in response to a failure to negotiate a security level, providing an action responsive to the failure to negotiate a security level(see col. 18, lines 26-65).

38. As per claim 35, Frailong discloses wherein the action includes one of creating a usage accounting record, providing a recorded message and linking to a source of additional information(see col. 17, lines 49-67, col. 18, lines 1-25).

39. As per claim 36, Frailong discloses expanding to the communication network by the feature server(see col. 2, lines 28-45).

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40. As per claim 37, Frailong discloses wherein the step of expanding access to the communication network by the feature server includes renegotiating the security level(see col. 13, lines 62-67, col. 14, lines 1-30).

41. As per claim 38, Frailong discloses the step of translating data communicated between the feature server and the communication network(see col. 15, lines 25-30).

Response to Arguments

42. The Applicant states that Frailong et al. does not discloses a service delivery element that is part of the communications network. Applicant's remarks in regards to this limitation has been considered persuasive. Therefore, the Examiner has not relied upon Frailong for the limitation of a service delivery element that is part of the communications network. New art has been applied to the limitation, a service delivery element that is part of the communications network. Thus, the Applicant's remarks in regards to this feature as Frailong disclosing this limitation is moot.

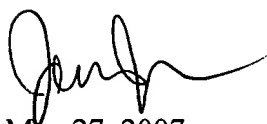
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jenise E. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-3791. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) alternate Friday's.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (571) 272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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